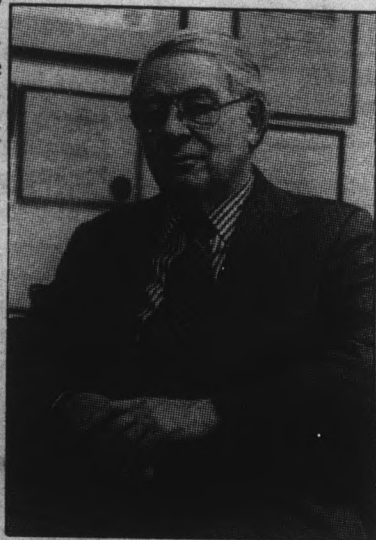


Presidency at an end

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

President Richard L. Rubenstein has come to the end of his five-year contract here at the University of Bridgeport. However, he is "definitely not leaving the institution" and will remain as a professor. He told The Scribe, "I feel that I've done what I could do and it is time for somebody else to take over."



President Rubenstein is at the end of a five year contract. President Rubenstein first came to UB in 1992 as "one of the trustees appointed by the Professors World Peace Academy." In 1994, he was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees. He said that he "had absolutely no idea they had me (him) in mind as the next president. The reason he decided to do become president was, 'to be the president of this institution, you have to be trusted by all of the stakeholders...the Board of Trustees, the faculty (who) had been through a very brutal time with the strike before we came, and hopefully the students, the community, and of course the PWPA who have given us \$110 million dollars.'"

President Rubenstein has been through a lot being the president of UB. He is an ordained Rabbi, though no longer practicing. He talked

about the attacks that he faced because of the fact that the PWPA, founded by Reverend Sun Myung Moon, funded the University. "One example is when another rabbi in this town

went to the Ethics Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly of America and tried to have me thrown out." Apparently, the executive vice-president of the assembly did not see the need for such an action.

The self-professed theologian has done a lot of work in his life on "how you interpret God in the face of mass murder, especially the mass murder that took place in World War II." He also has "an interest in modern history, especially as it relates to ethnic conflict."

One project that he has in mind is revising the book *Approaches to Auschwitz* that he wrote with Professor John Roth, a well known Christian thinker. "The book now is 15 years old so we are going to revise it" he said.

He said "I will not be leaving the university. I will be a professor and I will have my own research center." When asked what he will be teaching, he replied he "would have to tailor my (his) material to what the students need in this environment." He plans to

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School budget still pending

by Christian Salvatori and Geetha Tharmaratnam

Recently, there have been allegations by various departments on campus that their respective budgets have been cut. Responding to this accusation, the Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Robert Mooney told The Scribe, "We have a tight fiscal policy."

Tight fiscal policy has not been part of the University's financial plans for the past several years, especially since the \$110 million contribution by the PWPA in 1992. Dr. Mooney explained that the sudden tightening by saying, "the fiscal policy of any institution should be based on the revenues that the institution produces. In order to do that, you have to make a fiscal policy to fit within the monies you are bringing in."

The reality is that tuition has gone up this semester from last year. In fact, all across the board, the students have had to fork more out of their wallets. Room and board, the activity fee and even the school's insurance has increased since last semester. Furthermore, the school's additional revenue could be multiplied when one takes into account the fact that the enrollment has increased as well.

The increase in revenue from students will more than cover inflationary expectations.

In addition, the PWPA's annual contribution to the school has also increased, as it has been yearly. Dr. Mooney defines their payments to the school as enough "to keep the school functional."

Dr. Mooney admitted that at the same time, "expenses have gone up." He explained this phenomena by saying that expenses "go up everywhere." As a result, the school has been forced to "find economies, and we find those economies as best we can, where we can."

Some of the more direct effects to the school as a result of this new policy include

"We have a tight fiscal policy"

--Dr. Robert Mooney,
Chief Financial
Officer

reducing funds for international students where on-campus employment is concerned, as well as reducing personnel costs. Actually, "personnel costs are the largest single expense of any college or university and it's no different here at the University of Bridgeport, so where we can reduce that, we do so." However, Dr. Mooney claimed, "we don't touch the students' work study."

Another reason for the need for a cutback in expenditure is because "the university discounts its revenue by awarding a considerable amount of financial aid. We have not reduced that, in fact, it has been increased."

For this fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000, the school estimates that \$30 million will be generated from students, in the

form of tuition and fees. An additional \$10 million comes in from the generosity of sponsors. One of the most significant contributor is the PWPA, and as Dr. Mooney points out, "in the broadest sense, we couldn't do it without them." This is so because "the expenditures of the institution exceed significantly the revenue that UB produces." Such a situation has been transpiring for several years now.

Dr. Mooney said that he was the initial person to decide on the sum for which PWPA must be approached. Dr. Mooney calculates what the shortfall will be between projected revenue and the projected expenses and then puts together what he thinks would be an appropriate number. This number is first submitted to the President, and then it is reviewed by the Board of Trustees, before ultimately reaching the PWPA.

Apart from the aforementioned details, one is not sure what else is going to be affected come next semester. Apparently, "the budget has not been finalized," and Dr. Mooney hopes that it will be shortly. The final draft should be finalized by early next semester for the latest - six months after the beginning of the fiscal year. For the time being, The Scribe, and the rest of the student body for that matter, would not be able to view the rough drafts of the budget.

The budget has not been finalized as yet for a number of reasons. One reason is the fact that the former CEO and other personnel in the finan-

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Student dormitory charges under fire

by Sara Warfield

Speculation about dormitory charges which were assessed last spring has recently put the Department of Residential Life under heavy student criticism, said Residential Hall Association (RHA) President Alejandro Gonzalez.

Students living on campus in the Spring 1999 semester were charged for general dormitory damages. These damages were outlined in an April 1999 report from the Director of Residential Life and Judicial Affairs David



These couchless cushions were charged to students' bills at \$40 each

Oestreicher to Bursar John Polascik.

According to the report, residents on each floor were

several other areas of general damage.

Mr. Gonzalez said that although most of the charges

charged different amounts for damages on their respective floor and for miscellaneous damages to the entire building. The report includes damaged furniture and graffiti in the community lounges, missing or torn screens and

have been paid, "almost nothing has been repaired or replaced."

Mr. Oestreicher reported, however, that the majority of repairs and replacements outlined in the report have been "taken care of." These included fixing elevators in Bodine Hall, replacing soap and toilet paper dispensers, replacing fire extinguishers, and fixing fire alarm boxes.

"The only things [in the report] that have not been fixed or replaced are the cushions of the couches and the

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Fix your car

You may need to see a mechanic even before you decide to buy a car. If you are buying a car from a private party in a "as is" condition, take it to a mechanic first for an inspection. The inspection will take an hour and cost you about \$50. This is relatively inexpensive compared to the problem you will run into if you get a lemon.

The first thing that you need to do after purchasing a car is to sign up for an emergency road assistance plan. A typical emergency road service plan will help you change a tire, jump-start your car, deliver you gas if you run out of fuel, and help you open the car if you lock yourself out. American Automobile Association (AAA) provides one of the best emergency road service plans. Visit AAA's site, <http://www.aaa.com> or www.aaa.com, for details on the plan. If you have a Student Advantage card, visit studentadvantage.com for savings on the plan.

An oil-change is required every 3,000 miles or three months of driving. While there are numerous garages where you can get your oil change, Goodyear arguably provides the best value. Look for discount coupons in local newspapers or on receipts from grocery stores. Depending on the coupon which you use, you can get an oil-change for as low as \$15. Goodyear is located in Fairfield, off of exit 23 of I-95. You need to make an appointment if you wish to do the oil

change on a weekday. On Saturday, the service is on first-come-first-serve basis.

If you are averse to the idea of making an appointment for an oil change, try visiting ExpressWay on Tunxis Road (off of exit 24 of I-95) in Fairfield. You can drop by anytime and expect to have your oil changed within minutes. Your car will also go through a mini-inspection. However, the service comes at a price, which can go as high as \$36 for first-time visitors.

You can nevertheless find coupons which will provide you with significant savings. Also, if you return to ExpressWay within three months of the oil change, you will receive additional discount on the next change.

If you need to see a mechanic and you are a AAA member, refer to the newsletter that AAA sends to its members. AAA publishes lists of certified mechanics, whom it recommends for quality and reliability of service. However, if you are not a member of AAA, here are some good choices.

For a mechanical problem, turn to Autotech in Bridgeport. The garage, which is located just off exit 25 of I-95, provides excellent service at relatively low prices. Autotech can be reached by calling 335-4591. If you have been in an accident and you need bodywork done, call Liberty Auto Body at 336-0850. The garage is located in the back of Liberty Motors dealership, off of exit 25 of I-95. Liberty Auto Body's service is reliable and prices are low.

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teach about two courses a semester in addition to the research that he wants to do.

However, he will not start to teach next semester, "I feel that after five years on this job, I need six months!" He also "wants to get out of the way when the new president comes." He says he wants to give the new president a chance to settle in before he returns as a professor. President Rubenstein believes, "what they are going to need now is somebody who is first and foremost a good financial manager and a good administrator."

He would like students and faculty to remember him as "a president who cared for them and cared for the institution."

"I did the best I could with the tools and the knowledge that I had. Knowing what I know now, there are some decisions I would have made that would have been different." He did not elaborate further.

He said, "I am just very thankful that first of all, I was able to just be myself, and I was not afraid to say what I thought, and having done so, I landed on my feet." He credits part of that to his "very smart wife, Dr. Betty Rubenstein."

He firmly believes he will not have a problem making the transition between University president to professor as "I didn't take this job to become Mr. Big and I won't cease to be who I am when somebody else passes through. I was happy as a professor, I was happy as a president, and I will be happy to be a professor again."

Tracking Technology Trends

Y2K hype in Bridgeport and college application easier online

by Puneet Batra

The year 2000 is only a few days away and the y2k hype seems to have died down. The stock market has actually been climbing and has shown no reaction to the proximity to the new millennium yet.

Here in Bridgeport the city has been distributing copies of its 'Y2K preparedness plan' which talks about what we should do in case of emergency. Ironically, one of the suggestions in the plan is that if electricity loss occurs, we

should turn to our radios and TVs for updates. I guess the new age electronic equipment doesn't really need electricity to run.

Meanwhile, in New York city a \$41 million 'bunker' has been put together where the mayor and top officials from all the city's departments will be camping out for the new years weekend to be on hand in case the situation gets ugly.

No one is sure whether there will be loss of power and communication but many feel that it is ridiculous to spend huge amounts of taxpayer money on this state-of-the-art Office of Emergency Management located in

the World Trade Center.

Last week Kaplan went online with its well known preparation classes for standardized testing. Their online classes cost half of what the on-site classes cost and students can watch the lectures through streaming video.

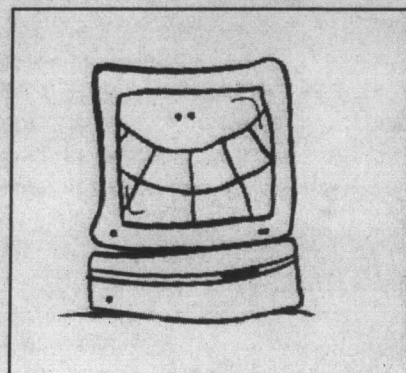
Kaplan promises interactive exercises and email replies from the professors within 24 hours.

Meanwhile, online college applications are coming of age with emerging companies offering these services to colleges as opposed to in-house develop-

ment.

At the same time, companies such as myEssay.com promise to polish essays and personal statements that high school seniors have to write as a part of the application process. Their website poses this question to applying seniors, "Stanford isn't going to let you do your essay again. So why take a chance?"

It's hard to say where the internet and computers are going to take us as we step into the new millennium. Happy holidays and Merry Christmas - see you next year!



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Improvements coming for Carstensen Hall



The inter-faith center may get a much needed face-lift

by Andrea Koehler
On September 22 and September 24, on two separate occasions stray animals penetrated Carstensen Hall. The animals, one kitten and one raccoon, had to be removed from the building. These events led to an investigation into the state of disrepair of the building.

Currently, there are many repairs underway in the hall. Reverend David Snyder, the Protestant Campus Minister, said that the University was doing, "repair work on the outside mainly, with the front porch that was falling down, and with the other places around the foundation that the animals had gotten in, either the wood between the floors, other places...there were three or four places that needed patching, and the carpenter is patching that." He also mentioned that presently the repairmen were "in the process of bringing it up to the right level of fire codes." Rev. Snyder expressed hope

that once the major renovation is complete, the repairmen be able to go on to the offices and carpets.

All of this repair work had been done since the publicity of the incidents with the animals. Rev. Snyder said, "The University was not able to follow through on some of the basic elements of the building needs due to lack of funds. There was a commitment to repair the porch two years ago. I saw one guy there for one day, and off he went." The badly needed repairs are finally being attended to.

There may be some additional funds for the hall to tap into. Rev. Snyder reported, "Back in 1981 and 1982, the Carstensen family donated funds for the protestant chapel...we're just investigating to see if a portion of those funds might still be with the university, they were specifically for the building, and we're looking where we might use those funds for the building." The original grant was about \$150,000, and, according to Rev. Snyder, \$20,000 of the original amount might still be available. Rev. Snyder also noted that the University has been helpful with regards to the renovation of the building.

Cancer causing asbestos in Dana hall

by John E. Musser
Dangerous asbestos may be embedded in floor and ceiling tiles at Dana Hall, according to Dr. Jinnque Rho, a professor of Biology.

In 1989, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) banned the production of asbestos for many commercial products because it was found to be a dangerous cancer-causing agent. Asbestos is a naturally occurring silicate fiber that is small enough to get trapped in the lower respiratory tract, causing mutations and eventually cancer.

Banning the production, however, did not require that all asbestos be removed from buildings. For this reason, the compound still exists in some of the buildings at UB.

According to Dr. J. Rho, the vinyl floor tiles in Dana Hall cover up a layer of tiles that contains 30 to 40 percent of asbestos. These tiles are orange in color, and can be seen in several places where the vinyl tiles have lifted up. The asbestos containing tiles were covered by the vinyl tiles

during renovation of the building seven years ago. At that same time, asbestos shingles were also removed from the building.

The process of covering up was used instead of removing the tiles, since the latter was too expensive. It required a licensed consulting company to be contracted to do it. Besides, the substance could not be discarded at a municipal landfill or a standard resource recovery center.

Covering up asbestos is an EPA approved method of decreasing the health risks associated with asbestos without spending large amount of money. In addition, the EPA claims that often the best thing to do is "to leave asbestos material that is in good condition alone." This is because asbestos material that is in good condition does not release asbestos fibers. Fibers are released when the material is broken, sawed, drilled into, etc. There is no danger until fibers are released and inhaled into the lungs.

It is uncertain, though, how

much of a risk is actually posed by the tiles that are now visible in the hall. But there will probably be an increasing risk as students walk on the tile, and thus it could be damaged or broken.

Apart from the tiles, there is also an unused stairwell in the building that still has asbestos shingles and insulation. This area was apparently forgotten in the contract when the rest of Dana Hall had asbestos removed, and was never fixed. The stairwell, which leads from the top floor directly to the lecture hall in room 107, is now locked and, apparently, forgotten.

The school will eventually have to replace the tiles that have come up, according to Dr. Rho, but there does not seem to be a huge rush to get to the project now.

The irony is that students may eventually be subjected to this cancer-causing agent in the same classrooms and hallways where they learn about the health effects of such toxic agents.

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On Campus

Extreme increase in winter dorm fees

by Anna Gourgova
The price of the double-as-double room for 1999-2000 winter break is \$350. Compared to last year's price of \$275, the increase is more than 27%. Some of the international students who intended to spend the Christmas holidays on campus gave up the idea, due to the unexpected increase in the dorm cost.

Despite the inconveniences that moving off-campus entails, most students choose to go for that option, rather than pay half as much to stay in the dorms. Off-campus students can find the same facilities that Bodine Hall offers for just half the price. For as much as \$175, a student can even enjoy a private bathroom.

According to the Bursar, John Polascik, "the price is reasonable". He explains the boost in the price as due to the general increase of the value of coal, respectively heating and all the other commodities. Mr. Polascik considers the previous cost of \$275 inadequately low and not covering the University's expenses.

Ms. Eaton, the Assistant Bursar, also claims that \$350 is not a high price for the five-week winter period, when the expenses for heating and light go up. The question rather is whether the price we pay reflects the quality of what we are being offered.

A comparison to the dorm prices at Connecticut College, for instance, is striking. All rooms in Connecticut College (CC) dorms are furnished with a bed, a dresser or a built-

in storage, a closet space, an armchair, a desk and a chair. Each room also has a telephone and a T-1 Internet connection.

The University of Bridgeport does not offer better facilities than Connecticut College. However, a room here costs \$175 per week, while the price of a room at CC dorms is \$80 per week, including a flexible-meal plan during the period as well.

According to Dr. Mooney, who is in charge of Financial Office, the actual expenses of the university "far exceed" \$350, which is not only a reasonable, but a moderate price. According to him, the University actually continues to lose money even after the increase.

Dr. Mooney explains the rise with the increased costs of heating, light, and security service. But the annual inflation is not more than 2% (according to Global Financial Data Consumer Prices), while the increase in the room price for the winter break is more than 27% for the five-week period, and 67% per day.

The fact is that students who live in the dorms and pay the bills do not know the reasons for the sudden and quite startling increase in dorm costs during the winter break. Although the living conditions have not improved, the students have to pay significantly more than last year if they want to spend the holidays in Bodine rooms.

Winter prelude last bash

by Jack Ndombi
The 1999 Winter Prelude Ball, which took on December 3, was the final party of the semester. The party was well organized, as it started on time and provided good decorations. The disc jockey knew how to rock the crowd by playing a good balance of music, and his lighting setup lent a club-like atmosphere to the usually drab Social Room of the Student Center.

Although the party was not well advertised, there was a good turnout of students. This may have been due to the fact that the party was free, the dress-code was semi-formal, and that it was the last party of the of the semes-

ter. Most people were dressed up and looking good for the party.

Most people brought their own "beverages" to this BYOB event to celebrate. There were also chips and soda provided for those who wanted to snack during the party. Streamers were used to divide the dance floor from the snack area. Sofas were also provided for those who wanted to get out of the dark and off the dance floor to rest a little.

The event was hosted by the Student Congress and organized by the Committee of Special Events. It was a good way to end the semester before students started studying for finals.



Students enjoyed themselves at "Island Breeze," a party sponsored by the Caribbean Club

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Guess who?



We hope that you'll recognize at least one of these two. If you can remember the second, give The Scribe a call at x4382

The last issues Faculty Picture seemed to stump more than most. While Professor Dick Allen may have changed a little over the years, many still know him as an "old-fashioned love poet."

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Is UB going broke?

Over the past few years, UB students have complained about nearly everything that is remotely related to the institution. We have blamed everyone – from Administration to the Residential Life Staff to the ghosts of reputedly oversized elephants that are said to be buried in Seaside Park. But if there is one culprit that we can rightfully censure for everything we have faced (where are the network connections in Barnum and Seeley, or the furniture in Warner?), it is money.

More specifically, it seems, the lack of this materialistic necessity is the source of our anguish. We hear everywhere that there is not enough money to do this, or a lack of funds to do that. The expression of this reality reached its culmination these past few months, however, as students have become aware of how deeply rooted this problem is. At this time last semester, the University was in some kind of mysterious "budget freeze," where spending was nearly brought to a halt.

We return for the fall semester to find that the televisions in the lounges do not get a single channel, and rumors circulate that the school was unable to reconcile its bill with the cable company. Unable to watch Monday night wrestling matches, and thinking that things couldn't possibly get much worse, students soon find out that the school may be shutting down half of its facilities. And where does this leave us? Confused. We now have to wonder how serious this actually is. Is this what the financial situation was like when NEASC nearly forced the University to stop admitting new students? How close are we to this point again? And most importantly, should I be getting ready to transfer?

This is not to attack the actions of UB's interim CFO, or the proposal for campus consolidation. It seems that this problem goes much farther than not being able to watch cable television or having to move out of Barnum

and Seeley (since we love these beautiful structures oh so much) and in to North and South Halls. A more important, yet harder to elucidate problem, is that students are seriously starting to question the financial status of the school, enough so to make them consider transferring. One of the most important problems facing administration is the dwindling retention rate, a value whose diminution is rivaled only by the University endowment.

It is hard to blame students for having these fears, when one looks at the situation that is presented to them. Students come here knowing that there were financial problems in the past, but are under the impression that things are getting better.

Then we get here, and are told that the contribution that the University needs to acquire from the PWPA is decreasing, and that eventually UB will be self-sufficient. Later the CFO tells us that the organization will probably account for a quarter of the University budget, with a dollar amount that has risen since a year earlier. But with increasing enrollment, how can this figure be rising? That is, shouldn't revenue be going up at least quickly enough to cover increasing costs?

Admittedly, we are in no position to answer or even attempt to solve these questions. But it seems that somebody better be thinking about these things, and the solutions had better come quickly. It is unquestionably difficult to solve the Catch-22 of how to maintain student retention without economic backing, and how to build financial resources without students paying tuition, but you can bet that serious students won't gamble their future on an institution that may be on the brink of closing its doors. Students will eventually need reassurance that their University is a stable institution; and the way it is going, a lot of things are going to need improvement before these students are convinced.

Faculty commentary

Cheating: a victimless crime?

by Professor Denis Collins
School of Business

A recent survey of college students found that a whopping seventy-five percent have cheated. Unlike the authors, who were shocked and disgusted by the findings, I found myself wondering about the twenty-five percent who never cheated. I wish I was one of them, but, alas, I am not.

You see, twenty-five years ago, while an undergraduate student, I didn't know the answer to a particular multiple-choice question on a marketing mid-term exam. The class was in a large lecture hall and the professor sat up front reading a newspaper. For the first time in my life I slyly looked at the answer chosen by the person on my immediate right and left, neither one of whom I knew, and copied the answer of the person who looked smarter. Why? For the obvious reason of getting a higher grade.

I have no recollection if the answer I copied was right or wrong. What I do recall is the anxiety I felt at the moment, the guilt I felt after submitting my exam, and the regret that I still have about the one and only time I ever cheated on an exam.

Have you ever cheated on an exam or class assignment? If not, keep up the honorable integrity. You are a gem in a corrupt world. Humbly offer your advice to those struggling with cheating.

If you've only cheated once, please don't do so again. It's not worth the anxiety and lack of integrity. As Aristotle noted more than two millennia ago, human beings are creatures of habit and habits are very difficult to break.

If you are in the habit of cheating,

tell a sympathetic person with high integrity about your desire to change. Then watch out for the infinite number of opportunities to backslide. You will gain remarkable strength each time you say "no" to the temptation. In the meantime, honestly share your struggles and successes with your trusted friend.

Some may argue that certain cultures are more tolerant of cheating than others, thus the views I've stated above are simply another arrogant attempt at western cultural imperialism. But cultural relativism, which suggests that "Is Implies Ought," commits the naturalistic fallacy. Should I beat my wife and participate in child labor because some cultures tolerate such practices? Of course not. World cultures should be competing with each other to live according to the highest, not lowest, standards of human behavior.

Let's not kid ourselves. Cheating is not a victimless crime. You damage your integrity, ~~and~~ your conscience, present a false image of your ability to the professor, and unjustly benefit at the expense of students who aren't cheating.

For these reasons the Business School recently agreed to post the following honor code in every classroom in Mandeville Hall: As a UB student I take personal responsibility for emulating the highest values and ethical norms: my work is my own and reflective of my best efforts and abilities.

The University of Bridgeport has a unique potential to create an international, world class university based on ethical leadership. Care to join the cause and spread the message?

PS: Good luck on your finals!

President who?

As the calendar year nears to an end, the University community is still wondering about whether there will be a new president to replace President Rubenstein. As far as Neil Salonen, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and member of the Search Committee intimated at a University Senate meeting earlier in the semester, they hoped to have about three solid candidates by the first week of December. Anyone know who the candidates are?

Apparently, the candidates were to come on campus to meet with staff, faculty and students to get their impressions and to make impressions. To our knowledge, that has not happened yet. That leaves us to wonder, where is Waldo...I mean the new president? It would be nice to be involved in helping to pick the individual who will represent the University for the next five years or so.

The candidates are apparently interviewed in absolute secrecy, like in the waiting rooms of airports. How much can one learn about the wonderful University of Bridgeport if one must contend with the drone of airplanes overhead?

The interesting thing about what Mr. Salonen reported is that the executive search firm has identified potential candidates as people who are interested in a challenge or a turn-around situation. Hmm, there breeds determination and strong will in the candidates, we hope.

We all trust that the new president will be one we can relate to on some term. Students would want the president to be understanding of their issues, and so will the staff and faculty. Should we not get to meet the new president soon, we have one message: buckle your seatbelt!

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Trying flushing their toilets Student view on tardiness

I wish to place some of the student concerns about the UB campus in perspective. For the past ten years I was a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, one of the top research institutions in the United States. Prior to that I was a graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh, also among the nation's elite schools. I am also familiar with the workings of Columbia University, where my wife obtained her graduate degree.

Similar to UB, all of these universities had significant levels of dissatisfaction. Students complained about the life in the dorms, lack of social activities, insufficient course offerings, and the surrounding urban neighborhoods. Faculty complaints were endless, including students unprepared to grapple with course work, lack of clerical support, and inadequate technology. This was particularly troubling at the University of Wisconsin, which is faculty governed!

Earlier this week, I ventured up to Yale University to conduct some research in their Social Sciences Library. Guess what. Journals were missing, the computer system broke

down, and the bathrooms were malfunctioning. Such is life in American universities.

Naturally, we – both the students and faculty – shouldn't accept these shortcomings. Instead, we need to take responsibility and initiate change. Student Congress President Lucas McCloud's investigative report on the dorms is a step in the right direction. There are many opportunities for each student to positively contribute to the well-being of UB.

I am currently trying to organize some of these efforts as class projects in my Management 302 courses and would welcome students from all academic disciplines to participate. Given the university's mission – an international world class university based on service learning and ethical leadership – the potential list of projects is infinite.

In the meantime, wherever you go to school, other universities always look more attractive... until you start flushing their toilets.

Sincerely,
Professor Denis Collins

Ed: You are right, while many things may be the norm among American colleges, that is no reason to accept the sorry state of affairs in the dorms here. Kudos to Student Congress, the RHA and the hall governments for putting together a report that made us all blanch

A question was asked at SCUBA's meeting on the millennium last Thursday whether there had been a significant increase in apocryphal or millenarian expectations ca. 1000 AD. Historians are split: the traditional medievalists persist in arguing the position advanced by "anti-Terrorist" French historians at the

end of the nineteenth century: nothing occurred. Richard Landes, a medievalist at Boston University's Center for Millennium Studies, argues the opposite: there were outbreaks of increased Christian conversions, pilgrimages to Jerusalem, apocalyptic movements, and "the first peace movement in world history." Landes soberly reminds us that

turn-of-the-millennium record-keepers, like today's media, selectively publicized current news, and that, therefore, the Vatican and official Church observers preferred maintaining the status quo. Thus, silence was "the Church party line." Website addresses highlight this debate (e.g., www.mille.org/FAQ and www.mille.org/AHR9). Scribe read-

nessman, the student should also have consequences for being late without hindering the students' work, going to class.

The disruption that tardy students would create is not prevented by locking them out. While sitting in class with the door locked, there have been occasions when a student has attempted to enter the room, first by knocking, then hopelessly trying to coax the professor into opening the door. After a few minutes of laughter the class session begins again.

This being the case, what about the students who must suffer the intrusion and waste of time? These students also pay for their classes. There can be no argument that each and every student would rather enter the class late than not at all. For those students who have only witnessed other students being prevented from entering the class can not truly understand the desperation a student has when arriving late and finding the door locked already. If there was some way that those students who do not arrive late could understand how the student feels when he/she does arrive late and is locked out, there would be more students in general protesting this unfair rule.

Having experienced both being on time and being tardy, it is obvious that this method of so-called motivation is not the best. It should be the hope of all students that there be some compromise on the matter.

ers also might be surprised to know that this Sunday's "New York Times" carries an article describing Palestinian Moslem Yasir Arafat publicly celebrating the year 2000 opening of "Manger Square" in Bethlehem ("Eager Palestinians Seek New Millennium's Fruits," Dec. 5, 1999).

Prof Lamont Thomas

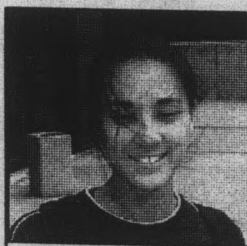
DORMS On The Spot

What qualities are you looking for in the new University President?



"He/ she should be more interactive with the student community."

Amit Singh



"Integrity, compassion for students, and a sense of the times."

Sunhee Mudgett



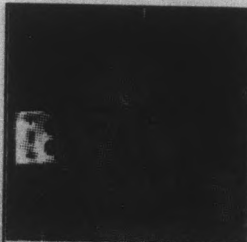
"They have to be aggressive and a very active person"

Tom Filepp



"Dynamic stand against the bureaucracy. Work for upliftment of poor UB students"

Jishnu Guhathallurta



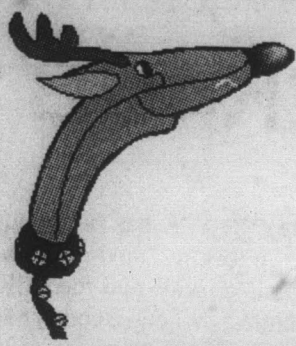
"Dedication, commitment, and experience"

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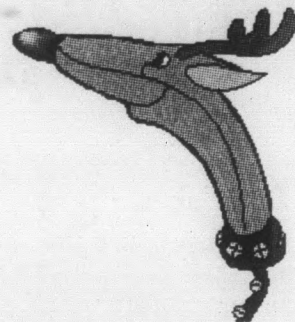


"They should be easy to approach by students."

Amber Angel



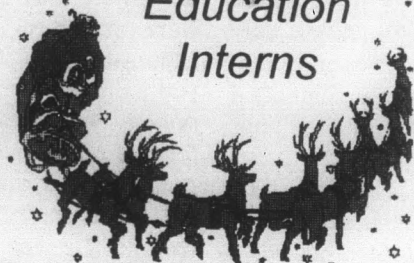
Happy holidays UB



Thank you to all our campus residents, especially those in Barnum Hall, and all my wonderful staff, in helping us cope with our little "Exxon Valdez" incident last month. A special shout-out goes to Alejandro Gonzales and Lucas McCloud for helping me with some of the logistics in finding, assigning, and preparing the accommodations for the displaced residents.

Love,
David B. Oestreicher
Director of Residential Life

Happy Holidays,
Education
Interns



To the people who make me any good in this life. Thanks.
Merry Christmas
I love you guys. Can't wait to spend the holidays with all of you.

Taz

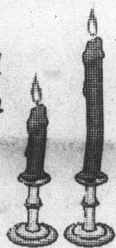
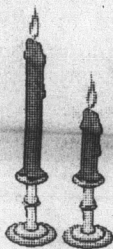
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Love,
Piglet

To the Chinese food
gang. Have a great holiday.
Party hard and come back
for late night sessions
with me!!!
Love, g

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Preferably a dental
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John Musser, you are the sexiest
guy I've seen at UB. Your strut is
intoxicating and when I see you, I
lose all my sanity! You smell like
fresh flowers. Will you cross my
path more often?

Happy Holidays to all UB
students (the greatest
students in the world!)
I love you all! Dean Janet

MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO MY BABY, MAXX.



LOVE,
YOUR SHORTIE

To all my friends out
there: Papa, Kampuna, Tok,
Parinaya, Angam, Shalandra,
Abhishek, Jack, Michael,
Flori and his gang, Milah,
Sparkle and my friends in
Barnum. To all the congress
members. To Geetha, thanks
for always being there for me.
To all my other friends I've
missed. May the New Year be brighter
and better for all of us. Love, WBA

Merry Christmas
Crackheads!
Happy Holidays
y'all!

Feliz Navidad, Henry

Quiero decir que te extrañé
y también desco que de
pase un buen tiempo con
tu familia en esta día
especial. Te quiero muchísimo.
Con mucho amor,
Rita

To you, who
showed me what
love means! You
are my fire, the one
desire!!!
You complete me -
I will
always love you!!!



Piglet
I shall always pool
more. Happy New Year,
Merry Christmas & Congrats!!!
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Love, Pool.

To the Chinese food
gang. Have a great holiday.
Party hard and come back
for late night sessions
with me!!!
Love, g

To all my bruddas and
fine womens, make sure
to get your learns on
during finals. Don't make
me regulate.
Keep it real! Gangsta J

Warmest wishes
for the holidays
to all my friends!

Love
Lucas

And the president is...

Now that Prez Ruby is leaving, there is a gaping hole that Administration needs to fill. Last week, they announced their list of ten candidates, and offered each a chance to speak on the subject.

The first nominee was Al Gore, who wanted to be considered because he had no chance for advancement in his current organization. He noted that he had been the runner up to the head cheese of an institution that was ridiculously in debt, and he thought he could do the same job here.

Lucas McCloud was nominated but could not appear as he had prior engagements (there was a Police Academy marathon on TV.) He did send a note, however, saying that he should be selected because everyone called him "Mr. President" anyway, and it would cut down on the confusion.

The third speaker was the Barnum Cat. He gave an hour-long lecture on all that he could do to create the budget and then balance it, improve the quality of the education and living conditions of the students, make Marina food taste better, and achieve world peace. There was not a dry eye in the

house, and it looked as if they'd found their man...er...cat, but it was not to be. As he finished, Professor Eves chased him across the stage and ate him.

George Washington was nominated, but did not speak because he'd been dead for two hundred years. The administration stressed that he was still in the running, however, because he possessed exactly the qualities they were looking for: He had a good reputation, and would never complain about not being able to change anything.

Edina Ostreicher was nominated by the popular vote of the students with whom she works so closely, but when her turn came to speak, she had not yet arrived. It is rumored that she was trying to save a cat caught in a tree, and was trying to find a cure for cancer.

Bugs Bunny was the sixth to speak, but as he ascended the stage, a ladder fell and dumped paint thinner on him. They are still mopping up his remains.

Professor Van der Kroff was asked, but he did not come because he was receiving death threats from the Fashion Merchandising Club.

Arnold Schwarzenegger was next

to speak. When he reached the podium, though, the back wall exploded and a fifty-seven terrorists barged in and kidnapped Edina, who had finally arrived. He said, "I'll be back," tore off his suit jacket, and charged after them.

The last to speak was a mysterious masked man. (We were curious as to why there was only nine, when ten were promised, and we asked the administration. After they made several halting and unsuccessful attempts to reply, we let it go.) He got on stage, jumped on the chandelier, and started swinging back and forth screaming, "I did it mommy! I'm gonna rule the world!" He then coughed up a ball of cat hair.

The race is close, and the results may not be in for a while. At UB speed, we won't know until after the new one is fired who he is.

As an after note, the Scribe received a letter from Edina and Arnold yesterday. They are happily fighting Martians in Guam. They have to save the world, but promise that she will be back before the Baby O is born.

A brilliant response to bad humor

A couple weeks ago, the entire Scribe staff was shocked to find out that some people, somewhere out there, were actually reading *The Scribe*. We know this is because we pissed a few people off.

Probably the most interesting letter that we got after the last issue was a cutout of the article entitled "Chemical spill explained," which was taped on our office door. The note proffered a number of profound suggestions, but unfortunately contained no name. Nevertheless, we would like to thank the person who reminded us that "there are some people who can't tell the difference between the truth and bad humor."

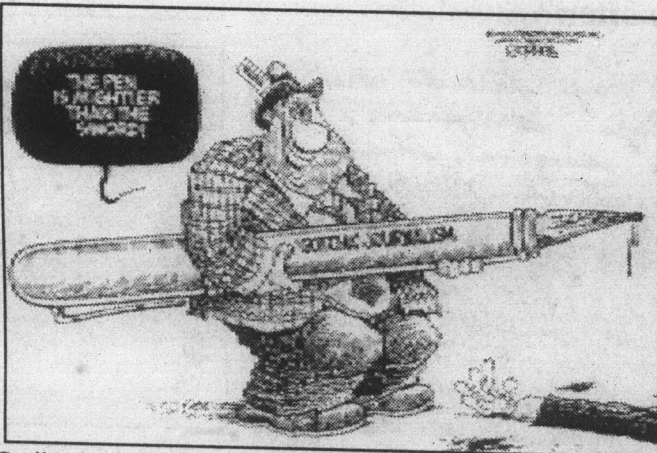
This is a big problem at the Scribe. We don't even know the difference between good humor and bad humor, let alone truth and humor. In fact, I believe it was the ancient Greeks who

first thought about beings who could not recognize this difference. Socrates described this type of people as "idiots," which, for those of you who have not taken Latin, loosely translates into English as "people whose opinions do not matter to us, because they

Scribe, but amazingly, the writer had the ability to circle the last paragraph of the piece, clearly indicating his/her potential to graduate elementary school.

Apparently, he/she was mad because of the reference to the Unification Church. This came as a huge astonishment, because we were all under the impression that the Unificationists would be fairly easy-going about the situation. In fact, I think that they are some really cool people. Especially that Reverend guy; he is great. The last time I hung out with him, we went bowling at Rock-n-Bowl at the Student Center and we had a great time talking about cooking at the wok bar in

Marina and how one attains true love. If he is listening, please don't take away my scholarship. As for the person who left the note on the door, wait until we find your door.



are too gutless to even leave their names."

It may seem a little vague when one speaks of the "bad humor" in The

In la-la land

Move over Thomas Moore, here's the Scribe Utopia. The wonderful machines we now have in the Scribe (our 486 and Pentium with bad segments on the hard drive), will disappear, carted away by the person who fixes ours and Seeley's falling tiles. Instead, we'll get two Smith-Corona typewriters, with a clean new ribbon.

With that clean new ribbon, The Scribe shall elude Chernobyl, Melissa, and Groovy. Bye bye viruses, hello sweet virgin paper. With that paper, the Scribe writers shall stay up late on Friday nights, taking turns to

type stories, two days before they are due.

With these stories, the Scribe copy editors shall use whiteout to fix the spelling boo-boos (Sorry Mr. Mooney, we won't call you Mr. Moonie next time).

With the copy-edited text, the layout editors shall utilize their kindergarten training and cut and paste the text on sheets (cutting with scissors and pasting with glue).

Then the mighty rambunctious photo editor shall paste pictures, heightened by rice paper or talcum powder. Then, Graphic Image shall

print 2,000 copies of this hard-worked-on paper.

The distribution managers shall then distribute the 2,000 papers giving one to each of the 2,700 students and 300 faculty and staff.

Mark will not complain of rats and pictures. Kevin will not complain about bad humor. Ruby will not claim "I was misquoted." And most importantly, The Scribe staff will not complain.

Well... even in Utopia the Scribe staff will complain.

Y2K4UB

It's here!!!! Y2K has finally hit UB, and its wreaking havoc. The entire campus is a mess, and the Y2K bug is to blame. When asked what the Y2K bug was, most people said that it was a horrible, evil, flesh eating virus that the computers were infected with by militant fruitarians on cocaine who were fighting for equal rights for rutabagas, and that it would cause all electronics to blow up, the satellites orbiting the Earth to realign the climate, causing massive glacier melting, make M&M's melt in your hand, and cause the sun to supernova, not to mention screwing up the tracking on your VCR. Those are just a few of the things that are sure to happen. The UB security team is taking all precautions against the end of the world: they're handing out pamphlets.

The problems of the bug have already begun to plague us. The campus cats are taking over the administration, the food in Marina has started to look like moon rocks, the water in Seaside Park is purple, and the Easter Bunny has handed in his resignation. When asked why the year 2000 bug has hit us in early December, Professor Skeeter said she had no idea, but since the Millennium Party was in November, anything was possible. The bug has even started to affect the 06y jbgvu cOmputer pidufhrulhmc djbfn SYSteMs lejnfmfv and I mooooo.....kerfbj er hgmc bjg can't get lkdfhg them ,as ciurgohj

Top 10 things to store in case of Y2K disaster

- Port-a-potty
- Q-Tips
- Prozac
- Torchlight
- Spare tires for bicycle
- Beer
- Vodka
- Tequila
- Jack Daniels
- Wine...
- Condoms

What? use your imagination!!

Disclaimer:

These stories are fictional and are not meant to be taken seriously. It is our attempt at being humorous. Plus it gives us something to do in our free time.

Sleepy Hollow

By Jack Ndombi
Based on Washington Irving's classic short story *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, Tim Burton directed this genuinely frightening picture that is funny in all the right places. The story has been modified from a children's tale to a very mature film that is so smart and clever, that you have to wonder why it was not made before.

Johnny Depp plays the Constable Ichabod Crane. His character is modified from the book in which Crane is a schoolteacher. At the beginning of the movie, Crane gives a lecture in court about the importance of collecting evidence from the scenes of crimes to fairly prosecute the accused parties. Disapproving of his liberal thinking, a judge sends Crane to investigate three murders in an isolated Dutch farming community called Sleepy Hollow in upstate New York.

Once he arrives at Sleepy Hollow, Crane finds that each victim was beheaded, but the heads were never found. Worse yet, Crane learns that the killer is believed to be the ghost of a Hessian trooper who was himself beheaded twenty years earlier, leaving his specter to ride a mighty black steed through the woods in a nightly quest of his skull.

Crane does not really believe in the fairy tales of the headless horseman until he himself has an encounter with the ghost, who scares the Constable out of his wits. After being spared by the killer, Crane sets out to discover the mysterious identity of the headless horseman.

Also starring in the movie are Christina Ricci as a landowner's daughter Katina, and Christopher Walken as the headless horseman.

The movie has a dark, creepy atmosphere with beautiful sets and incredible costumes. Released a few months earlier, it would have been the best Halloween movie. With over twenty beheadings, it is incredibly gory and bloody. The beheadings are also very graphic and you can not help but get the feeling that they are real.

Jungle night has huge turn-out

Jy Jack Ndombi
Jungle Night, hosted by the African and the Himalayan clubs was held on November 19, in the Social Room at the Student Center. It was a night where all could come and have some fun.

The party was free, so there was a huge turn out not only of UB students, but of students from other schools, too. It was supposed to start at 9 p.m., but the disc jockey did not set up until 9:30pm. At 10 pm people started pouring in and by 11:30 the Social Room was packed.

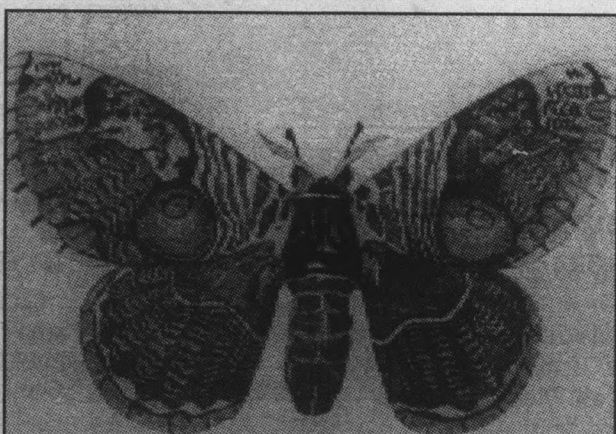
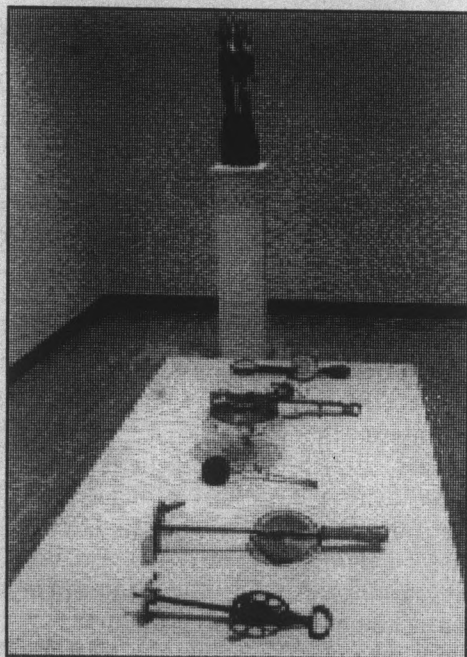
The decorations were nicely done, and chips and soda were served for those who wanted to snack. Unfortunately, the dance floor was empty for a while. This may have been due to the monotonous music being played by the disc jockey. This was quickly resolved when he realized he was playing for a diverse crowd. Then the dance floor began to fill up. The party was crowded to the end. There were just a few students who left early, complaining that there was no variety in the music. All in all I think the night was a success, but there was room for improvement.

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Student Congress Update

Any club that has not turned in receipts for monies allocated this semester must do so by Friday, December 10, 1999. Clubs that do not account for monies allocated, either by returning the funds or submitting receipts, are subject to review and audit by the Chief Financial Officer. Questions should be directed to Lafir Thassim at x2115.

An investigation has been undertaken into the condition of the computer labs on-campus. Specific concerns to be addressed include the irregularity of lab hours, the lack of paper for printing, and the necessity of printing charges. Questions, concerns and comments should be directed to Puneet Batra at x2192.

The Student Congress wishes to thank all the students, clubs, faculty, and administrators that helped make the Fall semester of the 1999-2000 Student Congress a productive and successful one.

Miscellaneous

From Fines, page 1

screens," Mr. Oestreicher said. Most of the unusable couches have been removed and new screens will be installed at Barnum and Seeley Halls over the winter break.

Mr. Oestreicher also reported that on December 6, he was given formal approval to expend funds in order to make all other necessary repairs in the dormitories. This approval does not include replacing unusable furniture and broken appliances, such as microwave ovens and televisions.

Last month, the Residential Hall Association and Student Congress prepared a report detailing more extensive problems with dormitory quality. The report was presented to the Board of Trustees. This report includes such problems as poor housekeeping, lack of the PAD security system in Seeley Hall, and poor general infrastructure.

Students were not charged for

most of these more substantial problems. They were only charged for damages caused by fellow students.

These charges are per the Residential Hall Community Contract that states, "it shall be the responsibility of the student to pay the University for damage ... (on a pro rata basis) to common areas

of the residence halls."

One student who wished to remain anonymous attempted to be relieved of the dormitory charges at the Bursar's office. He cited the Connecticut General Statutes, Landlord and Tenant Laws.

These laws state that the landlord—the University—is responsible for keeping community areas of its property—the residential halls—in a "clean and safe condition."

However, according to George Mihalakos, the University Attorney, these laws are "not applicable to residential halls," and thus, not the University's responsibility.

From Budget, page 1

cial administration have left or have been replaced. Another reason is the installation of a new computer system, which has been a major undertaking. A third reason, as Dr. Mooney pointed out, "is the issue of course of how much the PWPA is willing or wanting or whatever to give the University on any given year."

Apart from the allegations by various departments on campus that their respective budgets have been cut, there is another allegation of a freeze of expenditure over the last year. Dr. Mooney explains, "we have had to impose structure on spending and we have done that in various ways." The school can't freeze the entire budget because they have fixed costs and they have obligations that can't be differed. However, Dr. Mooney points out, "we have tried to economize until we have a better grasp on the things we need. We will continue to do that until I know the amount of revenues is going to be adequate to support the institution."

The decision to economize is made "by an organization called the Transitional Task Force," says Dr. Mooney. This organization encompasses the senior management of the institution,

From Evaluations, page 11

addition, Prof. Weng recommended peer evaluation, through which professors would be able to get a better idea of their teaching skills and courses.

Prof. Frey also suggested that evaluations were carried earlier, during the middle of the semester. Thus, professors would be able to make immediate changes appropriately. This would give students an opportunity to influence the learning process and play a

collaborative role.

The general opinion of the professors interviewed could be summed up in the words of Prof. Frey. Evaluation process, he said, should pertain to the pedagogical tactics and general learning environment of the course, rather than to the professor's performance.

Jazz Up your Room

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

How do you make the closet that you call the four walls that make up your new room a livable place?

How do you do this without blowing the fun money you have set aside for the next month? Here are some tips from one student-forced-to-be-interior-decorator to another.

You have the basics ingredients to start off with: four walls, a floor, a ceiling, and a door.

Posters, pictures of your family and current significant other, can be framed by a plethora of funky frames offered by department stores and some bookstores. Wrap pictures in coats of Victorian style, modern stark metal, or psychedelic plastic colors.

Get a colorful rug from any department store for less than \$20 to instantly brighten up your room. You can get a full carpet, a small throw rug, or an exotic Oriental rug. The designs and textures can completely reform your room.

Don't forget that vital component that keeps the late night peace between you and your roommate — a reading lamp. You can get this wonderful necessity in a variety of materials ranging from wood to stainless steel in a variety of shapes and styles from any large department store.

You have the choice of getting a floor lamp, a desk lamp or a clamp lamp. Either way, this utilitarian item will be keeping you company for the next four years or so. Just remember that halogen lamps are banned in the dorms.

Apart from clean underwear, one necessity of college life is an alarm clock. Get something you know will wake you up. There are many alarm clocks with neat features like snooze and his and her alarms for that person who wants to set two times: the I-really-should-think-about-getting-up alarm, and the I'm-late alarm.

Again, get a modern digital alarm clock, or an old fashioned ringer that will get you if not to the church, at least to class on time.

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The path of teacher evaluations

by Vanessa Trinidad

It is the end of the semester, and the finals are just beyond the corner. Students are in frenzy getting their final assignments and projects done, while professors are busy completing their course work. Administration is busy, too, providing evaluations for students. The evaluations are meant to reflect students' assessment of their professors' performances, which may be useful for the improvement of their future classes.

These evaluations are carried out at the end of every semester, and, after going through a lengthy task of compiling the results, professors are provided with a list of averages that reflect student feedback. The professors receive these results by the middle of the next semester in the form of summary sheets.

Prof. Kurt Frey of the School of Arts & Sciences thought that the current process was helpful, but not completely. He said that not only did it provide a general sense of students' impressions of a particular professor's performance in the course, but it also aided promotion and tenure decisions.

The main purpose of these evaluations is to help professors with student feedback on their teaching style. When asked if they did so, Prof. Thomas of the School of Nations, replied that it did not have any direct bearing on his teaching style, content or material. He also felt that the results were a double-edged sword, and that

high or good ratings deceptively inferred effectiveness.

Prof. Xinlong Weng, professor of Mathematics at the School of Arts & Sciences, said that the content of these evaluations was too subjective. To emphasize his point Prof. Weng said that he received high ratings for questions like "Would you recommend this professor to other students?" However, he felt that this did not indicate that he was an excellent teacher. Rather, this might have meant that, he was a good teacher and that the students might have enjoyed and learned something from his course. He also felt that a low rating did not mean that the professor was not good. This might rather mean that he was strict.

Prof. Coppolella of the School of Business said that it would be a good idea for teachers to carry out their own evaluations, in addition to the students' evaluations. However, Prof. Thomas responded that even in this case the results would be problematic. Prof. Thomas noted that professors were free to do so, but, when he has done it, the results were still problematic.

Prof. Weng felt that the feedback from students was important, too, but that the method of obtaining this feedback should not be unified. The idea of teachers doing their own evaluation was wonderful, and it lent professors the freedom to decide what kind of feedback they were looking for. In

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UB crime problem?

by Andrea Koehler

On Sunday, November 28, a house on Gregory Street, two blocks off campus, was broken into and robbed by several armed persons. It was the home of four UB students. One of the perpetrators knocked on the door. When a student answered the door, he was confronted by a man with a gun. The two robbers held three of the students at gunpoint, taking some money and a wallet, while a fourth student hid in a room elsewhere in the house. The thieves then left.

On Monday, November 29, Avishek Agarwal, another student, was robbed at gunpoint while walking home from the bus stop on Park Avenue,

between Atlantic Street and Gregory Street. While walking back to campus, he was approached by a person who was armed with a gun, and told to hand over his backpack and his jacket. The mugger then left.

As both incidents occurred off campus, they are in the jurisdiction of the Bridgeport City Police, and are currently being under investigation.

The question that these incidents raise is, "How safe is the University?" Officer Jim Mooney, of the University security, gave a reassuring answer. "We're in an urban environment, in a relatively tough neighborhood, and when you live in that type of an urban environment, your odds of becoming the victim of crime are much greater than if you live

within the confines of campus," he stated. "Go around our campus, you see any graffiti on our buildings? No, right. You see any graffiti across from campus property? Yes, right. That kind of gives you an idea that the word is out in the hood. You don't come here. If you do, we're going to be all over you." He went on to assure the student body, that, statistically, this campus is very safe. Officer Mooney had several pieces of advice to students who are living, or thinking of living off campus, "...if you're going to live off campus, you have to follow all of the rules of urban safety...make sure your doors are locked, don't leave your shades up so people can see in the house..." The Security Office does have handouts that further address the issue.

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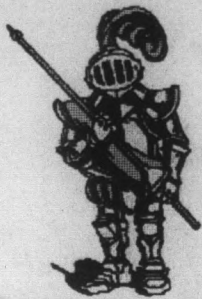
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Purple Knights' Sports



Basketball season tips off



Coach Bob Buswell talks things over in the game vs. NYIT

by Rob Baird

The new-look men's basketball team started their season November 20, in the Purple Knight Classic. They took on New York Tech before a crowd of 300 at the Harvey Hubbell Gymnasium. The starting five players were four freshmen and returning forward Dave Lemanzcyk. The team showed many different looks in the game, and looked to run early, but lost 87-66. The multitude of new players, however, wasn't the biggest change for the Knights. For the first time since 1965, coaching legend Bruce Webster was not on the UB bench. Webster, who announced his retirement on October 15, left the school with a record of 549-403. Only Jim Calhoun of UConn has more wins as a coach in New England. He put the team in the hands of Bob Buswell. Buswell was an assistant to Webster

last season after five years of coaching at Milford Academy. He compiled an impressive 78-38 record while at Milford, but taking over for Webster will be no easy challenge.

Coach Buswell will have to mix a strong freshman class with the remaining upperclassmen. So far this season, he has started four freshmen in three of the first four games.

In their second game of the Classic, UB took on Virginia Union, one of the top ranked teams in the country. This game took on a greater importance for UB, as it was a rematch of the 1992 Division II National Championship game. The teams also met twice in 1993, when VU was ranked #1 in the country, with the teams splitting the two games. Against a gigantic frontcourt, the Knights played a solid game with good ball movement around the perimeter, waiting for the open look. Virginia Union fed the ball down low into the post, and they were hard to stop. They were also the deeper team, and maintained a twenty point lead for most of the second half. The Purple Knights, however, continued to battle in a very physical match-up, and pulled to within ten late in the game.

In the end, Virginia Union pulled away to a 74-54 win. Despite the loss, the Knights seemed to start to gel

together. Lemanzcyk talked about the team play after the game.

"It was tough out there. That team is huge, but we fought. While we played much harder than in our first game, we still have to move the ball better as a team".

After the Classic, the Knights traveled up to Springfield on November 23rd to face American International College. AIC used the home crowd to their advantage, and the Knights suffered a disappointing 104-63 loss. Senior Chris Schrade played well in defeat, scoring a career high 20 points. Through three games, he led the team in field goal percentage, making sixty percent of his shots.

On Saturday, December 4th, the Knights played home to fellow Connecticut rival, Teikyo Post. In their closest game this season, UB was edged out 77-75. Lemanzcyk starred for the Knights, totaling 31 points and 18 boards. He scored nearly half of his points from the foul line.

This year's edition of the Knights is young, but looks to be competitive in a tough New England Collegiate Conference. Freshman center T.J. Newman of Stratford leads the talented freshmen in scoring and rebounding, while Jimmy Williams does most of the ball handling. Rocky Ferrante has shown a nice touch from beyond the three-point arc, and Ricardo King has shown a combination of speed and strength in his slashing game. Doug Sweeting adds depth down low to round out the freshmen. The other

returnees include senior centers Ron Chase and Neal Lawson, who both should see good time in the post; juniors Dennis Eannotti, a hard-nosed forward, and Eric Smiles, a wiry swing man; and sophomore Ian Farrell, who is sharing point guard duty with Williams. While the team is young and smaller than most, the Purple Knights play an up-and-down style of ball, which should make for many exciting games. It will surely be an interesting year for UB men's basketball, and the start of a new era. Home games are all played at the Harvey Hubbell Gym, so come out and support the team!

Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Result	Overall
11/20*	New York Tech	L, 66-87	0-1
11/21*	Virginia Union	L, 54-74	0-2
11/23	American Int'l	L, 63-104	0-3
12/3	Teikyo Post U	L, 75-77	0-4
12/6	Kutztown U	L, 76-88	0-5

Purple Knight Classic*

Women's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Result	Overall
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Purple Knight Classic

11/20	New York Tech	L, 61-68	0-1
11/21	Teikyo Post U	L, 45-60	0-2

Bryant College Tournament

12/3	Bryant College	L, 52-106	0-3
12/4	Dowling College	L, 66-87	0-4

Bloomsburg College Tournament

12/3	Edinboro U	L, 21-115	0-5
12/4	Lock Haven U	L, 29-101	0-6

(Next Home Game 12/11 vs. Binghamton University)

Women's basketball off to rough start

by Trinity Belgrave

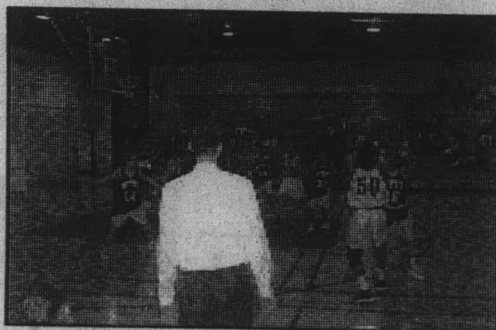
The Lady Knights Basketball season tipped off on Saturday, November 20, in the Harvey Hubble Gymnasium, as part of the season opening Purple Knight Classic over that weekend. In front of a partisan home crowd the ladies faced the New York Institute of Technology. The first half was an untidy affair for our ladies. The first point was scored three and half minutes into the game on a free throw by freshman forward Ryan Vicino. NYIT dominated much of the first half. By the end of the first half, however, our ladies had settled into the match and were playing an even, competitive game. After trailing by more than twenty points, we went into the half down 21-36.

The ladies came out in the second half playing with the intensity that had marked the end of the first. They fought hard to cut the deficit down to single digits. UB was aided by the fact that the NYIT quickly went over the foul limit. From early into the half, the Ladies were shooting free

throws. The game was close, with vocal support behind them, our ladies continued to push. In the, however, NYIT eventually prevailed, 61-68.

In their second game of the tournament, UB came up against an NECC opponent Teikyo Post University. We lost 45-60.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend



Freshman Fatima Carvey sets up the offense vs. NYIT

our ladies traveled to Rhode Island to play in the Bryant College Tournament. We went 0-2 in the tournament, losing to the hosts and Dowling College.

Last weekend our ladies traveled to Pennsylvania for the Bloomsburg

College Tournament, where UB was defeated by Edinboro University and Lock Haven University.

This season is the first for women's basketball coach John Greene. The team has only two returning players on the roster, sophomore guard Tanisha Hubbard, and junior center Kim Allen. They are the only two players on this team averaging in double digits in scoring, with 26.2 and 12.2 points per game, respectively. A major blow was suffered in Friday's game against Edinboro, Tanisha Hubbard strained a hamstring less than five minutes into the game and will be out for the next two to three weeks.

There are, however, some good signs for the team. The other high scorers on the team are both freshmen. As the season progresses and they gain some experience settling into the rigors of a long season, they may be able to share the load with the two senior members of the team.